



# The Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray

## Club Assembly 2008



## International Committee

### Projects carried forward.

- Philippines – Complete assembly of load and ship aid container (Oct)  
Visit area to review projects (Jan/Feb)
- Spectacles – Continue with collection of used spectacles

Funding for these activities already covered in approved matching grant project.

### New projects.

- Poland – review proposals for a matching grant project from our sister club and assess fund raising requirements with local Polish community.
- Madagascar – potential support for King Edward pupils work (in lieu of gap year bursary) £500 with possible matching funds from Raynes trust.
- Polio – Support for RI polio initiative of £500 per club
- Water Aid - £500
- Shelter boxes - £500

Fund Raising target for Committee £2,000 plus matching grant funding in collaboration with local community if a project is supported from our Polish sister club.

### Fund raising plans:

- 29<sup>th</sup> September International themed evening meeting, review past successful projects and focus on one of the above new projects, target to raise £500.
- Local businesses backing for specific initiative.
- Other local trusts.
- Joint fund raising with Polish community.

### Other Investigation work.

The following investigations will be carried out this year for potential future year's projects:

- Philippines visit Jan 09 – John Dehnel + group
- Nepal visit Nov 08 – Richard Fisher
- Ongoing links with India – Pam Posnett

*Richard Fisher International Chair 2008/9*

## Membership Committee

The purpose of the Committee is to facilitate the recruitment of suitable new members for the Club and to aid the retention of existing members.

During the year we shall continue to lead on the implementation of a strategy for membership recruitment and retention.

Our aims and objectives for the year are:

- To operate the strategy for membership recruitment
- To develop a new member orientation programme
- To maintain mentor support for members
- To maintain and review records for the attendance of members
- To update the record of members' interests
- To support the Almoner for the Club
- To meet the membership requirement for the Presidential Citation

*Michael Osborne Membership Chair 2008/9*

# Youth Committee

It is proposed to organise and promote a full range of Rotary Youth Opportunities in the coming year jointly with the Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray Belvoir. A dialogue has commenced and will continue with the staff responsible at the three senior schools in Melton, namely King Edward VII Upper School, Long Field High School and John Ferneley High School.

## **Interact**

The present Interact Club which is based at King Edward VII Upper School is flourishing. We will continue to give our support, help and advice when and where needed. We will also continue to attend their weekly meeting. In particular, we will assist them to achieve a Presidential Citation in the coming year.

A dialogue has commenced with the other two senior schools in Melton about the formation of further Interact Clubs, each with a Club based in their respective school. We propose to further this discussion with a view to inaugurating and chartering at least one of these within the coming year.

## **Rotaract**

The present Rotaract Club has a small but committed membership. This needs to be extended and we will provide help and support in achieving a goal of around 20 members during the coming year. We plan to make contacts with former Interact members and the young Polish immigrant community, plus local employers such as Mars, PERA and Melton Borough Council. A barn dance has been arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> July in the Polish Club and the emphasis at this event will be to create more local awareness and target new members. We will also continue to attend their meetings which take place every two weeks.

## **Youth Speaks**

The aim is to hold competitions at each of the three senior schools in Melton during the month of October. This will be followed by a Melton Final Competition in November to select the winners who will then go forward to the District Semi Final in January.

## **Young Chef**

The aim is to hold competitions at each of the three senior schools in Melton during the month of November. This will be followed by a Melton Final Competition in December to select the winner who will then go forward to the District Semi Final in February.

## **Young Musician**

The plan is to continue to support and encourage this competition which has run successfully for many years. The first heat will be in the Baptist Church in January, followed by the local finals in March and the District finals in April.

## **Young Photographer**

The aim is to hold competitions at each of the three senior schools in Melton to be completed by the end of 2008. This will be followed by a Melton Final Competition early in 2009 to select the winners who will then go forward to the District Semi Final in March.

## **Young Writer**

The aim is to hold competitions at each of the three senior schools in Melton before the end of 2008. This will be followed by a Melton Final Competition early in 2009 to select the winners who will then go forward to the District Semi Final in April.

## **Young Designer**

The aim is to hold competitions at each of the three senior schools in Melton early in 2009. This will be followed by a Melton Final Competition to select the winners who will then go forward to the District Semi Final in June.

## **RYLA**

After missing this year, we plan to search for a suitable candidate to sponsor for participating in the RYLA event in 2009

## **Youth Exchange**

We plan to search for suitable candidates to take part on a 6 week short term youth exchange, plus a further candidate to go on a full one year exchange visit. Our twin Club at Warsaw-Wilanow has candidates that they are offering to share this experience with.

## **Budget and Fund Raising**

The budget for the Youth Opportunities in the year 2008-2009 totals £2800. In addition we have now been requested to include the Life Education Programme within the scope of the Youth Committee's activities; this already has a £1000 commitment from the Club, bringing the total budget requirement to £3800.

It is proposed to raise around £2500 with a youth orientated concert and sponsorship. More details will be provided in due course. This will leave us with a total requirement of around £1300, or £650 for each of the Rotary Clubs involved

## **Life Education**

This now comes within the scope of this Committee and the budget has been adjusted to include the amount the Club has committed to provide. This figure may be increased if the Belvoir Club's financial commitment is added to the total

## **Sports Aid**

We propose to select a local sports person to sponsor

## **Bursary**

We plan to continue to offer a bursary to one local student, as in previous years

## **Conclusion**

This is a full agenda for the year 2008-2009. Most of the activities have been done before: we plan that with better organisation and more support from members of both Clubs, the results this year will be better and succeed in raising local awareness more of what Rotary is doing.

Of the four avenues of service in Rotary, the importance of the promotion of youth activities cannot be overstated. Youth is our future and the future of Rotary. Youth also is needed by us now as we have seen by the vibrancy of our local Interact and Rotaract Clubs.

I therefore ask for the Club to accept these proposals, and for every member of the Club to give them their enthusiastic and practical support.

*David Morris, Youth Opportunities Chair 2008/9*

## Club Service Committee

The OBJECTIVES of the Club Service Committee continue to be :-

- Provision of support for Incoming President Mike.
- Organisation of a broad range of social events within the Club, to encourage membership involvement:-
  - Visit to the Braemar Gathering
  - Visit to Classical Spectacular Albert Hall
  - Participation in District Minor Sports competition
  - Isaak Walton weekend
  - Christmas Party
  - Club Charter Night
  - Dick Turpin shooting competition v Rutland Club
  - Safari Supper
- Maintaining a programme of interesting speakers, from charity presentations to topics of local, national, International or general interest.
- Support and encourage new members involvement in club activities, and for them to undertake a 'job talk', to ease integration into club.
- Continue with the role of the Almoner, for the provision of support for members or members families having difficulty.
- Encourage more members to become involved in the broader family of Rotary, by visiting other clubs, attending other Charter nights, or District and International Conferences.
- Liaise and participate in events of other allied clubs, such as Interact, Rotaract, Ladies in Rotary, Belvoir club etc..
- Liaison with other committees to ensure balanced programme of events throughout the year, with details available on website.

**Key Actions** for the year will be based around **INVOLVEMENT** and **FUN**, to encourage members participation in events in order to enhance our good working relationships, and further develop our fellowships, for the benefit of Rotary Service.

Have **FUN** from the **INVOLVEMENT**

*David Ward Club Service Chair 2008/9*

## Community and Vocational Committee

### Macmillan Cancer Support

Macmillan Cancer Support improve the lives of people affected by cancer. They provide practical, medical, emotional and financial support and campaign for better cancer care. We have not yet finalised our plans which we hope will involve more than just fund raising.

### Kids Out

We are to support as in previous years, the decision regarding the level of support will need to taken in 2009 when available funds are established

### Christmas Parcels

We will again be supporting this local initiative working with Lions and The Belvoir Club which helps local elderly and needed families have a better Christmas.

### Stroke Awareness

This has proved to be a very worthwhile project which we will run again working with The Belvoir Club.

### In Case Of Emergency

We will continue to promote this project by means of leaflet distribution and other avenues of informing the public.

### Bulbs for the Blind

We are to repeat the presentation to Vista just before Christmas

### Mayors Appeal

If funds are available at the end of the year we hope to support our local Mayor again

### Specific Awards

These will be discussed at each meeting and worthwhile causes will be supported where possible.

The funding of the above is estimated to cost about £2500 the method to raise this amount has to be decided.

A more detailed programme will be formulated after our first meeting when all the members of the committee will have had the opportunity to contribute, we invite all members of the club to make suggestions for Vocational and Community Service projects that could be organised using the skills of our members and where minimum cost is involved.

*Adrienne Holland, Community & Vocational Chair 2008/9*